

The Board of Appeals meets on the first Monday of each month, as needed, in the Town Building. Applications may be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Town's web page. Information regarding procedure may be obtained by contacting Catherine Desmond, Secretary to the Board.

Respectfully, submitted,

Arthur R. Lowden, retired  
John Clayton, Jr., Clerk  
Edmund C. Tarnuzzer, Jr.  
Michele L. Shoemaker  
Charles A. Barney, Associate  
Lee Heron, Associate

William F. Byron, Jr., Associate  
Bruce E. Fletcher, Associate  
Ruth K. Sudduth, Associate  
Andrew J. DeMore, Associate  
  
Catherine A. Desmond, Secretary

## **TOWN SERVICES**

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

The Stow Agricultural Commission is charged with maintaining the viability of agriculture in Stow. This includes advising other Town boards on matters pertaining to agriculture, resolving conflicts between agriculture and residential uses, and promoting agriculture in town.

Residents are reminded that Stow has a right-to-farm bylaw, which reiterates State laws in our Town Bylaws. As part of this bylaw, we provide a notification form for use in transfers of property that lets people know that farms are active in Stow.

The Stow AgCom is working on an inventory of farms in town. At present we have a list of more than 20 families involved in agriculture. If you have a farm you want to be included in our inventory, please contact us. We can be contacted by mail at the Town Offices, 380 Great Road, or through our website <http://stowagcom.org>, or through the Agricultural Commission page on the Town website <http://www.stow-ma.gov>.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Martin-Sullivan  
Liz Painter

Dwight Sipler  
Kathy Steege

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Building Department issued a total of 255 Building Permits in 2010. We inspected the construction of the Center School Phase I foundation and utility work, commercial expansion, new homes, kitchen & bath remodeling, home additions and wood & pellet stoves. Construction at Arbor Glen was completed, but Villages at Stow and Derby Woods continued at a steady pace. In the Lower Village, construction of the Shaw's Supermarket Addition and the Red Ginger

Restaurant build-out were completed. In addition we attended seminars for new building codes, energy codes & fire safety as required under the continuing education requirements set forth by the Department of Public Safety. In addition to the duties as Building Inspectors, we are also in charge of the following municipal properties: Town Building, Town Hall, West School, and the Crescent Street Garage.

We have maintained the existing Town Buildings as follows:

#### **Town Hall**

Regular maintenance was performed. In addition, annual maintenance of the oil burners was completed as well as annual testing of the smoke detectors & fire alarm notification system.

#### **Town Building**

Regular maintenance items included changing air filters, grease for the air handling units and the hot water circulating pumps. Annual inspections were completed for the elevator, smoke alarm system and the sprinkler system. 87 lighting fixtures were replaced with new high efficiency Super T-8 florescent lights. The emergency generator connection contract was bid in July and installation of the manual transfer switch and wiring were 95% complete by December. A small 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor office space for the Town Nurse & Veterans Agent was also 95% built out by December.

#### **West School & Crescent Street Garage Building**

These buildings were checked periodically for security. The Historical Commission provided a historical plaque for the West School that was installed by the Building Department. In addition, exterior painting of the wood trim was completed under the tax work off program.

#### **Randall Memorial Library**

We provided assistance to the Library Trustees in the determination of future interior & exterior work required at the library. Slate roof repairs and sealing of the flat roof were completed. Several heavy rainstorms in May caused interior flooding through the foundation walls. We assisted the Library in assessing the damage and arranged for mold and mildew clean up.

In summary, I want to thank all the Town Departments for their support, particularly members of the Fire Department who are integral in the building permit process. Of course, many thanks to Judie Scraggs and Sheila Deleo for their dedicated service in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig D. Martin P.E., Building  
Commissioner

Judith Scraggs, Administrative Assistant  
Sheila Deleo, Clerk

#### **Inspectors**

Douglas Hyde, Local Inspector  
Ray Renzoni, Local Inspector  
Robert Norton, Wire Inspector  
Charles Weeks, Deputy Wire Inspector

Michael Norton, Deputy Wire Inspector  
Eric Sahlberg, Plumbing Inspector  
Raymond Smith, Deputy Plumbing  
Inspector  
Adam Sahlberg, Deputy Plumbing Inspector

Raymond Smith, Gas Inspector  
Adam Sahlberg, Deputy Gas Inspector

Robert Smith, Deputy Gas Inspector

### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 2010

Number of Permits	Type of Construction	Construction Value
27	Single Family Dwelling	\$8,339,569.00
85	Remodeling and Additions	\$2,539,779.00
76	Strip & Re-roof, Re-siding & Windows	\$844,999.00
3	Swimming Pools	\$87,500.00
8	Commercial	\$583,379.00
3	Schools	\$24,600,000.00
9	Outbuildings	\$252,200.00
12	Temporary Tents	N/A
19	Wood/Pellet Stoves	\$49,291.00
10	Demolition Permits	\$103,187.00
1	Retaining Wall	\$47,000.00
<u>2</u>	<u>Wireless</u>	<u>\$71,000.00</u>
<b>255</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$37,517,904.00</b>

### TOTAL PERMITS/CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 2010

Number of Permits/Certificates	Fees Collected
255 Building Permits	\$73,659.45
343 Electrical Permits	\$27,349.00
238 Plumbing Permits	\$17,446.00
91 Gas Permits	\$4,336.00
33 Sign/Banner Permits	\$948.20
10 Annual Certificates	\$400.00
<u>62 Trench Permits</u>	<u>\$2,370.00</u>
<b>1,032 Total Permits</b>	<b>\$126,508.65</b>

### CABLE LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable License Advisory Committee assists the Stow Board of Selectmen with awarding the license a cable company requires from the town in order to provide cable television service to its residents. It also works to assure that the terms of the license are being followed.